

Marine Wildlife Sightings-Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary- October 9, 2009

Vessel-New Sea Angler-Capt. Rick Powers Guides: Doreen Gurrola, Jennifer Stock

Itinerary: Porto Bodega, Head NW to Bodega Canyon, SW to Cordell Bank/shelf break, East to Cordell Bank and return to Bodega Harbor **Air Temp:- 50's Sky Condition-overcast-AM sunny-PM Wind-5-10 knots Swell- <5 ft**

Cetaceans-Baleen Whales

Gray Whale	
Humpback Whale	30-40
Blue Whale	
Minke Whale	
Fin Whale	
Other	

1st group (10) Bodega Canyon-friendly behavior, Breach in distance
other groups 2-4 throughout the day

Toothed Whales

Bottlenose Dolphin	
Common Dolphin	
Pacific White-sided	200
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	30
Risso's Dolphin	
Harbor Porpoise	1
Dall's Porpoise	
Other	

Mixed pod of dolphins, with humpback whale and CA Sea Lions, a couple of dolphin calves, lots of breaching and head slaps.

Seals and Sea Lions

N. Elephant Seal	
Harbor Seal	5

Seen inside Bodega Harbor

Sea Lions

CA Sea Lion	5-10
Steller Sea Lion	4
Guadalupe Fur Seal	
Northern Fur Seal	
Other	

Seen throughout the day
One Stellar-seen feeding on rockfish or salmon (not confirmed what type of fish)

Fish

Ocean Sunfish (<i>Mola mola</i>)	
Blue Shark	1-small one
Other	

Brief sighting, not everyone saw

Birds-Loons and Grebes

Red-throated Loon	
Pacific Loon	
Common Loon	
Red-necked Grebe	
Eared Grebe	
Western Grebe	
Clarke's Grebe	

Tubenoses

Black-footed Albatross	X
Northern Fulmar	X- both light/dark morphs
Buller's Shearwater	X
Pink-footed Shearwater	X
Black-vented Shearwater	
Sooty Shearwater	X
Leach's Storm-Petrel	
Ashy Storm-Petrel	
Other- Flesh footed Shearwater	

List does not include numbers of birds seen, just presence throughout the entire day

Un-identified Storm Petrel

Pelican's and Cormorants

Brown Pelican	X
Double-Crested Cormorant	
Pelagic Cormorant	X
Brandt's Cormorant	X
Other-White Pelicans	X-inside Bodega Harbor

Shorebirds

Black Oystercatcher	X-inside Bodega Jetty
Red Phalarope	
Red-necked Phalarope	X
<i>Other</i>	X-marbled godwit-Bod. Harbor

Gulls, Jaegers and Terns

Parasitic Jaeger	
Pomarine Jaeger	
South Polar Skua	
Bonaparte's Gull	
California Gull	X
Herring Gull	
Thayer's Gull	
Glaucous-winged Gull	
Western Gull	X
Heerman's Gull	X
Sabine's Gull	
Black-legged Kittiwake	
Caspian Tern	
Elegant Tern	
Common Tern	
Forster's Tern	
<i>Other</i>	

Other species seen:

Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Belted Kingfisher, Black-crowned Night Heron- in Bodega Harbor

Several lost land birds joined our cruise offshore:

Cowbird, Townsends Warbler, Dark-eyed Junco, Black-Throated Warbler, Yellow Rumped Warbler

Alcids

Common Murre	X
Pigeon Guillemot	
Ancient Murrelet	
Marbled Murrelet	
Cassin's Auklet	X
Rhinoceros Auklet	X
Tufted Puffin	